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# PHOENIX

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## Pay attention to the signs, help prevent suicide

By Misturat Ganiyu  
Assistant Editor

On Sept. 23, a Symposium on Suicide Prevention was held on campus to educate GSU's population about the warning signs of potential suicide victims.

Approximately 75 people attended the event. One of the participants was Camiella Williams, a senior Interdisciplinary Studies student. "As I am sitting here and looking at the video, I'm like "how does this affect me and the African American community," not knowing that literally six days later a friend will tag us in a post in which he possibly displayed the signs of depression, but we didn't pay attention to it...we're used to losing friends to gun violence," said Camiella

Six days after the symposium, Camiella's friend Shawn, who was like a brother to her, committed suicide. "They always talk about



Camiella Williams delivering a speech

suicide, but they never really expand on it in black communities, especially among males."

Shawn had been dealing with personal issues and fought with his girlfriend often. He would write personal information on his Facebook but Camiella and his other friends did not think anything of it.

On Sept. 29, Camiella skimmed through her news feed and had noticed that Shawn posted "F\*\*\* my life. I want to end it." and tagged certain people in it. Later on that evening, a member of Shawn's family

told Camiella that Shawn had killed himself.

"He had us (close friends), he had children, he had a mother, he had a father, and now we're left with unanswered questions, just basically speculations."

Shawn's death has changed her viewpoint on those who commit suicide and pushed her to learn more about it on her own.

"There's a stigma about African Americans and seeking help with suicide because they feel like some people don't understand that they can be depressed...."

When asked about the appropriate time to discuss suicide, Suzette Shepherd, facilitator of the Suicide Prevention Symposium and a Family and Marriage Counseling graduate student, said that "anytime is a good time to talk about it (suicide) or to have a symposium, to make people more aware that it is happening."

Camiella is still trying to cope with her loss.

For her, some days are better than others. As an activist, she wants to work with suicide prevention organizations to assist them in any way. She said she also plans to talk to Congresswoman Robin Kelly of Illinois 2nd Congressional district.

Camiella takes all cries for help seriously. "Anybody who says "F my life. I want to end it," I'm asking what's going on? Do you need to talk? Do I need to come get you? Now I'm more conscious to talk about it. I'm going to talk to you."

She showed The Phoenix writer a recent Facebook post of someone's contemplation to commit suicide.

"I inboxed her and told her to give me a call.... signs like that I don't just scroll anymore or say "Oh! She just wants attention". That (Shawn's death) was like an eye-opener for me."

## Out of money

By Misturat Ganiyu  
Assistant Editor

Perkins Loan program expired on Sept 30, 2015 because Congress did not renew it. That national federal aid program was the oldest of its kind. The program was offered at 1,700 higher institutions for need-based students, according to US News.

"Reauthorizing the Perkins Loan (program) will cost \$5 billion over 10 years," said Repub. Sen Lamar Alexander, according to USA Today, in regard to his objection of the initiative. "Many witnesses before our committee (Alexander is a part of the Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions Committee) have said that \$5 billion would be better spent on more Peril grants, which is going to result from our (legislation)."

For those who wished to receive the loan, they must be an undergraduate student or graduate student and enrolled for as at least a half-time. As an undergraduate student, he or she may receive up to \$5,000 per year. Graduate students may get at most \$8,000 per year. The loan held a fixed interest rate of 5 percent.. Schools are not allowed to issue new Perkins Loans to students who have not received them before Oct. 1, 2014. If you have received a loan in the past, one will continue to get them until one graduates from his/her current school. If you have not gotten a Perkins Loan in previous years and one had missed the deadline, he/she will not get a loan at all.

## Friends and Family Weekend

By Brenda Torres  
Associate Editor

Family and Friends Weekend was suppose to start Friday, Oct. 8, however due to the bomb threat it began on Saturday, Oct. 9 with guests receiving an all day Athletic and Recreation pass with access to the fitness center.

The GSU Library had a scavenger hunt. Participants received a instruction sheet, which had pictures of places that needed to be found in order to have the their name entered into a raffle. Participants had to find

a total nine spots in the library and take photos of the spots and show coordinators of the activity. Each participant received a GSU Library button for participating in the activity. Towards the end of the scavenger hunt the spots were more challenging attendees said.

William Smith, a Communication graduate student, said he enjoyed the scavenger hunt because he was able to get know the library. Sarah Wegley Library Operations Associate said the idea was to visit the

library.

The International Culture Organization (ICO) club hosted Passport World in the Center for Performing Arts hall. The club displayed poster boards from different countries such as Colombia, Brazil, Mexico, Italy, the Philippines, China, India and Ethiopia. Members of ICO presented information off their boards, and gave a sticker/stamp of the country being displayed to visitors. The sticker/stamps could be placed on the CDs that the club was giving away with

music from around the world.

Starting at noon activities in the Hall of Governors began with families partaking in face painting and creating balloon art. Others attractions included getting a caricature portrait made. A film, "Minions" was shown in Engbretson Hall.

Later on in the afternoon, dance lessons were given in the gymnasium that taught people the salsa and line dancing.



Jude Orus and her daughter Juaquina enjoying Friends and Family weekend, photo by Brenda Torres

## Day 280 Budget Stalemate

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By Andrew Kriz  
Intern Reporter

GSU students and alumni are traveling to Springfield on Oct. 20 as part of a joint collection that will lobby for legislators to make progress on the budget that has left funding for higher education uncertain.

The budget crisis, as previously reported, has grown so large that lottery payments over \$25,000.00 would not be issued. Now, any winnings over \$600.00 will not be distributed as reported by The Daily Journal.

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# Reynolds Andujar

By Brenda Torres  
Associate Editor

The Professor Profile this week is Dr. Reynolds Andujar from the College of Arts and Sciences, division of Humanities and Social Sciences.

**Phoenix:** How long have you been teaching?

**Andujar:** I started teaching four years ago, as an Adjunct for the City Colleges: Harold Washington and Olive Harvey College, I also worked at Morton College. When I was a student in Puerto Rico I couldn't teach because to do so, you need to have your PhD. By the time I found a job teaching I was already packing to move to Chicago. I have always worked in hotels and restaurants, since I have a Bachelor's degree in Hospitality. This semester is the first time that I teach exclusively, sharing this profession with my writing. I am very thankful of Governors State for that opportunity.

**Phoenix:** What classes do you teach at the university?



Dr. Reynolds "Rey" Andujar, photo by Brenda Torres

**Andujar:** I belong to the College of Arts and Science. My courses are: Spanish Culture and Language, British Literature I, Perspectives on Diversity and Latin American Literature. My concentration is Latin American Studies and the Caribbean, but it is exciting now to be teaching these Sociology and English courses.

**Phoenix:** You have published several books. Can you tell

me about them?

**Andujar:** I started writing with a purpose way before getting into college, but I waited until graduation to try to publish. My first book is called "The Triangle Man", a short novel. People got interested in this book because it questions the male figure in Dominican Republic military. I have written in total 3 novels, 3 short stories collections

and my dissertation. My second novel is about the Dominican-Haitian issue and is written in a "Noir" style if you want, kind of a detective story with the distinction that in this case, since third world countries are so corrupted, the investigation leads nowhere in theory, but helps the writer to touch issues of class, race, economy and society in general. My third novel won the Premio ALBA de Narrativa, one of the most

prestigious awards in Latin America.

**Phoenix:** You are a writer, poet and performer. What got you interested in these aspects?

**Andujar:** The way I work, is isolating myself from the world or a specific situation. I need to write from distance, so all my other activities are related and separated from writing. It is a conflict that has no resolution. I go out and perform plays and monologues, write for film and theater or reciting poetry in order to get re-inserted into the world I have to leave behind when I write.

**Phoenix:** What else would you like readers to know about you?

**Andujar:** I am thrilled to be teaching at Governors. Classes are great and the students seem to be pretty engaged. I love it here because as a professor in campus I am surrounded with a lot of things with great intellectual value and that, for those who write fiction, is heaven.

## Knock that sit out

By Misturat Ganiyu  
Assistant Editor

Sedentary behavior without breaks damages one's "metabolic" health, as per US National Library of Medicine: National Institute of Health (NIH). This type of behavior consists of sitting in a vehicle or chair, watching TV and playing video games for long periods of time. Sedentary behaviors floats at 1.0 to 1.5 METs (multiples of the basal metabolic rate, which means that sitting ranks low in the energy-expenditure range compared to standing (2.9 MET) and "moderate-to-vigorous" activity (3 to 8 METs), such as running or bicycling. The Aerobics Longitudinal Study revealed that combined time spent watching TV and driving an automobile are predictors of cardiovascular disease (CVD) mortality in men, according to Medicine and Science in Sports &

Exercise. Too much of both sedentary behavior increases the risk. Yahoo Health listed three ways in which one could determine if he or she has been sitting for too long. First, one cannot recall how many minutes or hours were spent sitting down. Second, one's energy is low. Third, one's body aches as he or she rises out of the chair. Fidgeting may decrease the risk of mortality related to "excessive sitting time", as per American Journal of Preventive Medicine. Heather A. Hausenblas, PhD, a physical activity expert and healthy aging and an Associate Professor at Jacksonville University in the College of Health and Science suggested to Yahoo Health some techniques to limit sitting time. One of them is this: "Perhaps use a check sheet to mark each every time you get up from your seat."

## "Shadow" An Original Fiction

By Robin Taylor

The policewoman repeated again. "Son, I know you are lying to me. I received a statement five hours before you came, saying you killed your mother." The harsh, high pitched voice had turned into a bass voice as though she was God herself.

Keith could not understand why she was not believing him. "What proof do you have? What make you think it was me who did this?" He asked, hoping she will give him some information to lead him to his suspects with the help of Nicole's dairy.

She began to read to the letter she received five hours ago to prove Keith was the person who killed his mother.

To whom it may concern,

My name is Nicole Jones on June 10, 2009 I came home to my mother, Jean Adam, laying on the floor in her own blood. I had assumed that she fell but I had not thought someone pushed her down the stairs. I decided to take a seat on the sofa to gather my thoughts wondering what I should do. I called my brother, Thomas, but he wasn't able to pick up, so I called Keith. Keith was actually in the house when I called and he said "don't worry, I'll take care of it!" I started to cry hysterically. I wiped my eyes and I walked by my mother to look at her. "Jean, mommy, everything will be ok and we shall find who done this to you!" I ran upstairs to mom's room to get her phone book to make some phone calls to tell people what happened. When I came back down stairs Keith had move her body. I asked where she was, but he would not answer my question.

I looked, I dug around, I moved furniture; I did everything, but I couldn't find her body. I was furious, I yelled, I pulled my hair, I kicked the lamp and I broke the light bulb. "WHERE IS SHE?" I cried out loud, hoping she would reappear.

"Everything will be alright Nicole, everything will be okay Nicole" Keith kept telling me.

I stood up to go to the bathroom and clean my face, I overheard Keith making a phone called and he said "I took her body and put it in the truck. Nicole came home early so I will just dump the body somewhere." He ended the conversation by saying "I will see in a few minutes Kimmy." I knew it was my sister because that was what we called her. I ran out of the house scared. I didn't know what to do, I was afraid to come in and talk to a police officer so I wrote this statement. I will not be returning back home until Keith Jones is in jail.

Sincerely,  
Nicole J.

Keith got up and threw the wooden metal chair against the wall, he could not contain his anger. His heart was racing faster and faster. He threw the papers off the table, hitting the floor one by one. He roared like a bear while the policewoman sat there shaking, not knowing Keith would hurt her or not.

Keith turned around with his veins throbbing in his neck "I will prove that you are wrong because I didn't do anything!"



# Project Salone Update

Bob Meyers  
Staff Writer

Project Salone has raised a lot of money in addition to medical supplies for Ebola patients in Africa and Sierra Leone. Last semester, the group held multiple events to raise funds and is now expanding to help the people of Sierra Leone in a longer lasting campaign.

In a recent interview, Project Salone Co-Chairs Brianna Stelmaszek and May Salmon discussed the plans to expand the success of last spring’s fundraisers and provided an update on the progress of Project Salone’s efforts.

The group is also now branching out their efforts to address another crisis facing Sierra Leone.

“Ebola was our main concern, but there is still malnutrition going on in Sierra Leone, so if we’re able to get this stuff to them, let’s give them stuff that they’re

going to be able to use, even after the Ebola crisis. That’s why we went for anything to help with their nutrition over there. The Ebola crisis is now at a standstill in Sierra Leone. We’d like to think we had something to do with that with our medical supplies.”

When asked what inspired them to helm Project Salone as an Honors project, Stelmaszek said, “We were involved in SWASO, the Social Work Student Organization, and our advisor did her Peace Corps work in Sierra Leone, and we had a meeting with her and brainstormed different ideas of how we could help the people in Sierra Leone because they were facing Ebola and that’s where our inspiration came from, Dr. Phyllis West of the Social Work department.

When asked what kind of Project Salone events were done in the spring and summer, Stelmaszek said, “During the school year, first and foremost, we teamed up

with Social Science Assistant Professor Dr. Ellen Walsh and we went into her three freshmen classes and talked to her students about what Project Salone was all about, collecting medical supplies to send over to Africa, and it’s also educational because we wanted to inform the entire Governors State population about the facts of Ebola, causes and different aspects of Ebola. We got the freshmen involved and part of their grade was to come up with different projects. Some made boxes they put around campus, we had a medical supply drive, some made posters, some of the students took it outside and went into dental or medical offices if their parents worked there and asked for supplies.”

Additionally, Salmon and Stelmaszek mentioned that the GSU dance team organized a flash mob dance while GSU student Justice Watson did a skateboard fundraiser in Homewood

known as Shred with a Purpose.

“We also had a Party with a Purpose with different dances, where an actual social work student volunteered their time and was a DJ. Party with a Purpose was our kickoff for our fundraisers,” Stelmaszek said.

Project Salone also had a symposium where the group collected medical supplies that were delivered to the United Africa Organization (UAO), and, from there, UAO shipped them to Africa and Sierra Leone.

Several students worked a concession stand as part of the project to raise funds in addition to organizing a Prairie Place movie night that showed a movie related to the Ebola epidemic.

Further, Stelmaszek and Salmon both said, “We also did a smoothie and bake sale where we had some students from Dr. Walsh’s class either make or buy baked goods. Some students

volunteered their time for the Gender Matters Conference. Dr. Walsh was actually in charge of the conference and we thought it would be a great idea to set up the table and raise funds.”

Salmon brought up the fact that “it was a good awareness piece; too, because we were able to get into contact with people who usually aren’t on the campus because it was open to the public so that was really good. We got to raise a lot of awareness.”

When asked how much was raised as a result of all the fundraisers, Salmon said, “About \$500. We raised a lot more in products. We didn’t really take the products into account for a monetary value, but we filled up my truck three times

Stelmaszek also mentioned Integrity Medical Supplies’ donations to their cause.

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## Governors State responds to false bomb threat

By Andrew Kriz and Brenda Torres  
Intern Reporter, Associate Editor

Families and Friends week had a scare on Friday when an anonymous person called in a bomb threat at 10:58 AM to the campus police department’s dispatch center indicating that a bomb was in one of the parking lots on campus.

GSU officials described the threat as “low-level” and did not call for an immediate evacuation.

Nancy Gallegos a graduate student in the Communication Disorders program, said the campus seemed relaxed, “I’m a little bit nervous to tell you the truth because were not getting any other kind of information. It feels like were trapped almost. No one really is giving us information about what’s going on, just text messages. Those messages are really general.”

Due to the believed location of the bomb, students and faculty who were already on campus were allowed to stay in the buildings.

Many students who were now stuck at school chose to congregate at the



*GSU front entrance, photo by Brenda Torres*

Hall of Governors and the cafeteria.

To prevent anyone from leaving or entering the campus during the parking lot search, all vehicles were prohibited from approaching the two main entrances.

Students stayed on campus until noon when a text message was sent telling students, staff and faculty to leave if they had transportation home after the parking lots were checked.

Those who did not have transportation at 2:25PM were moved to the Center for Performing Arts when Cook County sheriff officers and bomb-sniffing dogs arrived to do a sweep of the buildings.

In total, 30 law

enforcement agencies ranging from local to federal participated in the investigation.

All classes and events were cancelled for the day while Saturday events were not abandoned.

According to the Chicago Tribune, another bomb threat was called in to Northern Illinois University that caused the main campus in DeKalb to be evacuated.

On Thursday, 50 students were evacuated after a bomb threat was received at DePaul University’s O’Hare Campus.

Neither threat uncovered a bomb and classes were allowed to resume after being given the all-clear.

## GSU Disaster Readiness Plan

Bob Meyers  
Staff Writer

In light of Hurricane Joaquin being the most rapid as well as the strongest hurricane to-date of the 2015 hurricane season, according to the Weather Channel, the Phoenix wanted to find out how GSU is prepared for natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and all severe weather.

Keisha Dyson, Director of Marketing & Communications, said,

“GSU maintains an Emergency Response Team that reviews emergency preparedness plans and procedures, and implements new procedures to ensure a safe and secure campus.”

Dyson continued, “In the case of an emergencies such as severe weather, the ERT would follow standard operating procedures that have been outlined and

approved in the GSU Campus Emergency Operations Plan. We prepare for these emergencies by having a response plan, services, and supplies for all facilities, as well as personnel ready to ensure the safety and supervision of students, faculty, staff and visitors to campus.”

Dyson’s reply to how GSU would respond to man-made disasters such as shootings and, in particular, the recent bomb threat: “The response would be the same (as natural disasters). The GSU Campus Emergency Operations Plan has procedures in place for man-made disasters, too.”

Dyson concluded the interview by stating,

“Our goal is always to respond to emergencies promptly and appropriately, while coordinating with local emergency partners, who can help aid in disaster recovery.”



*GSU Police critical in response to disaster, photo by Brenda Torres*



# Following the 2016 campaign trail

## The Republican campaign

By Andrew Kriz  
Intern Reporter

**Donald Trump**  
Trump had a lot of criticism for his Democratic counterparts, saying their show would be “boring” and “not nearly as viewed” as they geared up for their first nationally televised debate of the year Tuesday night on CNN. The Republicans enjoyed a massive viewer rating with 24 million people tuning in on the Aug. 6 debate hosted by Fox News and 23 million people watched candidates speak on the Sept. 16 debate led by CNN according to data from Nielsen Media Research Polls: Trump surged again, this time by four percent, over the week to 27.7 percent according to the Huffington Post’s latest data.

**Ben Carson**  
Carson, who is a devout Christian, was asked by former CBS reporter

Sharyl Attkisson about his faith and how he feels about political events, natural disasters and omens as related to the Bible. He had this to say, ““You do have people who have a belief system that sees this apocalyptic phenomena occurring and that they are a part of it, who would not hesitate to use nuclear weapons if they gained possession of them.”. However, Carson did say that he believes that people have the power to stop apocalyptic scenarios from happening if Iran and other radical countries never obtained nuclear capabilities. Polls: Carson was gaining on Trump as the businessman was falling in favor but Trump’s latest upswing has left Carson behind still in second place at 17.4 percent.

**Jeb Bush**  
Bush told CNBC that he would be unveiling his “Republican” answer to Obamacare on Tuesday that

includes a tax credit for the purchasing of affordable, portable health plans that would protect Americans from catastrophic medical events. He would also be replacing the 40 percent tax of the most expensive employer-sponsored health coverage set to take effect in 2018 with a cap on the employer tax exclusion (it would be a tax-free system of health benefits as a way to lower insurance premiums) Polls: Bush is still in fourth place after being surpassed by Rubio. Latest numbers have him at 7.9 percent.

**Marco Rubio**  
Rubio has stayed out of the headlines while on a trip to New Hampshire. He will also be visiting Philadelphia and will be campaigning across Ohio on Friday according to his latest itinerary. Polls: Rubio is sitting roughly seven percent behind Carson in third place with 9.8

percent.

**Carly Fiorina**  
Despite a great debate last month, Fiorina has been surrounded by controversy and has done little to improve her image. Her statements on Planned Parenthood went viral and her misguided facts regarding abortion circulated to all major news networks. She affiliated herself with an edited Center for Medical Progress video showing a fetus on the table with a beating heart while a spliced voice says they must harvest the brain as a platform against abortion. When caught in a misstatement after evidence showed the specimen was actually a miscarriage, Fiorina insisted that she was right about how evil abortionists are. Polls: Fiorina dive bombed to fifth place at 7.8 percent where she now trails the stuck Jeb Bush who has not budged in months.

## Salone Continued

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Integrity also gave them a discounted rate to buy medical supplies with the money that they raised for Project Salone. Stelmaszek went on to mention that “one of the students had a connection with a medical supplies store who donated an immense amount of medical supplies for Project Salone as well.”  
Stelmaszek added, “To put it into perspective of how much medical supplies that we donated, it was a very significant amount, and what we did with the medical supplies that Integrity gave us as well as our funds was we went to Wal-Mart and bought things that we felt we didn’t have enough of like bandages, first-aid kits, multivitamins, a lot of Neosporin, Ensure, and more.”

By Misturat Ganiyu  
Assistant Editor

The Democratic presidential candidates attended their first debate on Oct. 13 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Anderson Cooper, host of Anderson Cooper 360°, moderated the discussion. CNN partnered with Facebook to give potential voters an opportunity to ask the panel questions. Former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Sen. of Virginia Bernie Sanders, Former US Senator Jim Webb and Former

Governor of Rhode Island Lincoln Chafee introduced himself or herself, and then the questioning began. Some topics of discussion were gun control/ gun laws, paid family leave, free education, immigration and Wall Street. When questions arose regarding Clinton’s email, Bernie Sanders proclaimed, “...the American people are sick and tired of hearing about your damn emails!” CNBC noted Chafee’s response to a

question about his decision to repeal Glass-Steagall: “The Glass-Steagall was my very first vote, I just arrived, my dad had died in office, it was my very first vote,” Chafee said. “I just arrived at Senate. I think we get some takeovers and that was one of my very first votes...it was 90 to 5.” PBS detailed how long each candidate spoke during the debate: Hillary Clinton (31:31), Bernie Sanders (27:40), Martin O’Malley (16:51), Jim Webb (15:25) and Lincoln Chafee

(8:51). There was no clear winner between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders.

**Hillary Clinton**  
Polls: Among the democratic candidates, Clinton holds 45percent of the public vote, as per RealClearPolitics.

**Bernie Sanders**  
Polls: Sanders stands at 25 percent among the democratic presidential hopefuls, according to RealClearPolitics.

## Freshman Tutorial

By Andrew Kriz  
Intern Reporter

On Monday, tu-tors will be available at the following times in the library: 11:00am-12:00pm, 2:00pm-3:00pm, and 6:00pm-9:00pm. Prairie Place has posted the hours between 6:00pm-9:00pm. At the library on Tuesday, tutors are avail-able only between 2:00pm-5:00pm and Prairie Place from 6:00pm-9:00pm. For Wednesday, only the library will have volunteers on hand be-tween 11:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-7:00pm. The library is the hub for tutors again on Thursdays with hours starting at 7:00pm and closing at 10:00pm. Prairie Place will be offering tutoring services on the weekends starting at 6:00pm on Sat-urdays until 10:00pm. On Sunday, tutors will be ready at 3:00pm through 10:00pm.

## Germany and its Transit Zones

Bob Meyers  
Staff Writer

Germany is considering setting up “transit zones” on its borders, where migrants would be kept while their asylum claims are assessed, according to the BBC. Chancellor Angela Merkel said the proposal would work only in certain cases, and would “not help thousands and thousands of refugees.” Some Germans have not received the influx of refugees into their country positively, according to the BBC, a fireman and an accomplice are under investigation over an arson

attack on a migrants’ hostel in Altena, a town in northwestern Germany. The seven Syrians present at the hostel in Altena were evacuated quickly before anyone was injured. The fireman admitted to police that he had broken into the hostel via the cellar, splashed gasoline on roof beams and set fire to it, German media reported. The two alleged perpetrators were released after questioning, according to state prosecutor Bernd Maas. “The motive was personal conviction, not political” - a finding that angered

some politicians. “A far-right mentality consists of more than hatred of foreigners,” Maas said. Dirk Wiese, a politician affiliated with the Social Democratic Party, called Maas’s opinion wrong. “Whoever sets fire to a house where Syrian refugees live is acting out of anti-foreigner motives.” Omid Nouripour, a Greens MP, also accused Maas of “playing down such actions.” The German government says there have been almost 500 attacks on homes intended for asylum seekers this year - three times more than last year.

Dr. Khalil Marrar, GSU’s expert on foreign policy, offers his perspective: “The German approach, while commendable, doesn’t address the cause of the crisis: turmoil in Syria that will only get worse now that Russia is involved in destabilizing activities. There needs to be a global summit which includes all world powers, Russia included, in order to discuss and implement next steps on addressing crises contributing to global refugee explosion. Syria is only one part of this. Not since World War II have we had this many displaced crossing international boundaries.”



# A Glimpse of Latino American History

By Brenda Torres  
Associate Editor

Dr. Andrae Marak held a documentary and discussion on “Foreigners in their Own Land” in the Lecture Hall of the F wing. Dr. Marak is the Chairperson of the division of Humanities and Social Sciences. He is also a historian and political scientist of Latin America with a specialty focusing on the U.S.- Mexico border.

Dr. Marak began by asking the audience to partner up with someone and discuss what they knew about the Alamo “What was it, what happened there, why is it important?”

Afterwards the audience came together with Dr. Marak leading the discussion on the Alamo. Many responded with where the Alamo was located in San



The audience who viewed the PBS documentary pose for a group photo. Photo by Brenda Torres

Antonio, Texas; General Santa Anna and his troops tried to take over it; Davy Crocket and James Bowie were participants on the American side.

Dr. Marak afterwards asked, “Why are we suppose to remember the Alamo?” Many did not know and Dr. Marak answered

with that General Santa Anna went in the Alamo and killed just about everybody. They allowed women and slaves to leave.

The showing of the documentary was funded by The American Library Association and National Endowment for the Humanities Grants.

The documentary was told through Apolinaria Lorenzana views; an orphan that was sent to California and lived in the Missions and later was given land. It had a collection of historians explain the period of 1565-1880 about how Mexicans were treated as second

class citizens in their own land.

Following the film was a closing discussion on thoughts on the Alamo and connections that the audience made on the documentary.

## Reviewing The Daily Show with Trevor Noah



Picture of Noah courtesy of Comedy Central's Youtube

Bob Meyers  
Staff Writer

After watching several episodes of The Daily Show with Trevor Noah since its debut on Sept. 28, two things stand out to me. The first thing worth mentioning is that I like how The Daily Show team has embedded stamps of familiarity in an effort not to scare away fans of Jon Stewart who were eagerly awaiting the arrival of Noah to see what he would bring to the political satire arena.

Second, familiar aspects of the show include the well-known introduction music, segues to Daily Show correspondents Roy Wood, Jr., Jordan Keppler, among others, and the staple “Moment of Zen” to close out each episode.

What does Noah bring to the show to make it his own, some ask? Well, Noah, a South

Africa native, brings one thing that predecessor Jon Stewart could not. He brings a global perspective on issues that matter to the world and openly says that South Africans have always looked at American politics in his country because the United States leads the pack and is the leader of the free world.

Noah is an expert at comedic timing. He offers a youthful spin with his quick-witted brand of satire. The brand new set is splashed in a dark blue backdrop with a map on its ceiling of the same color.

Noah is learning with each show but his style is unique, he proves he is a worthy successor, his presence is known, and he has taken the show by the horns. I think it is safe to say that Jon Stewart’s audience is still watching.

## Famous GSU Alumni

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Staff Writer

GSU just recently became a four-year university, but it still boasts numerous illustrious alumni. Here’s a partial list.

Jerry Butler is a 1991 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee who was the lead singer of the soul and R&B band The Impressionists. He is known for writing the songs “For Your Precious Love”, “Never Give Up on You”, “Hey Western Union Man”, and “Only the Strong Survive.” Since the 1980s, Butler has been a Cook County Board Commissioner.

Curtis J. Crawford is a computer systems engineer and the former president of Onix Microsystems, Inc. and former chairman, president, and chief executive officer of ZiLOG, Inc. With his current position as president and Chief Executive Officer of XCLEO, Inc., Crawford provides mentorship and

leadership guidance to up-and-coming computer systems engineers. Through GSU, Crawford earned a B.A.in computer science and business administration and a M.A. degree in marketing and business administration.

Debbie Halvorson, who has a Bachelor of Arts degree along with a Master’s in Communication from GSU, was a member of the United States Senate’s 40th district from 1997 until 2009. According to Yahoo News, in 2008, Halvorson was elected to the United States House of Representatives until losing the 2010 election to Adam Kinzinger. She recently ran against Jesse Jackson, Jr., but was defeated by him in 2012. After his resignation, Halvorson ran again but lost.

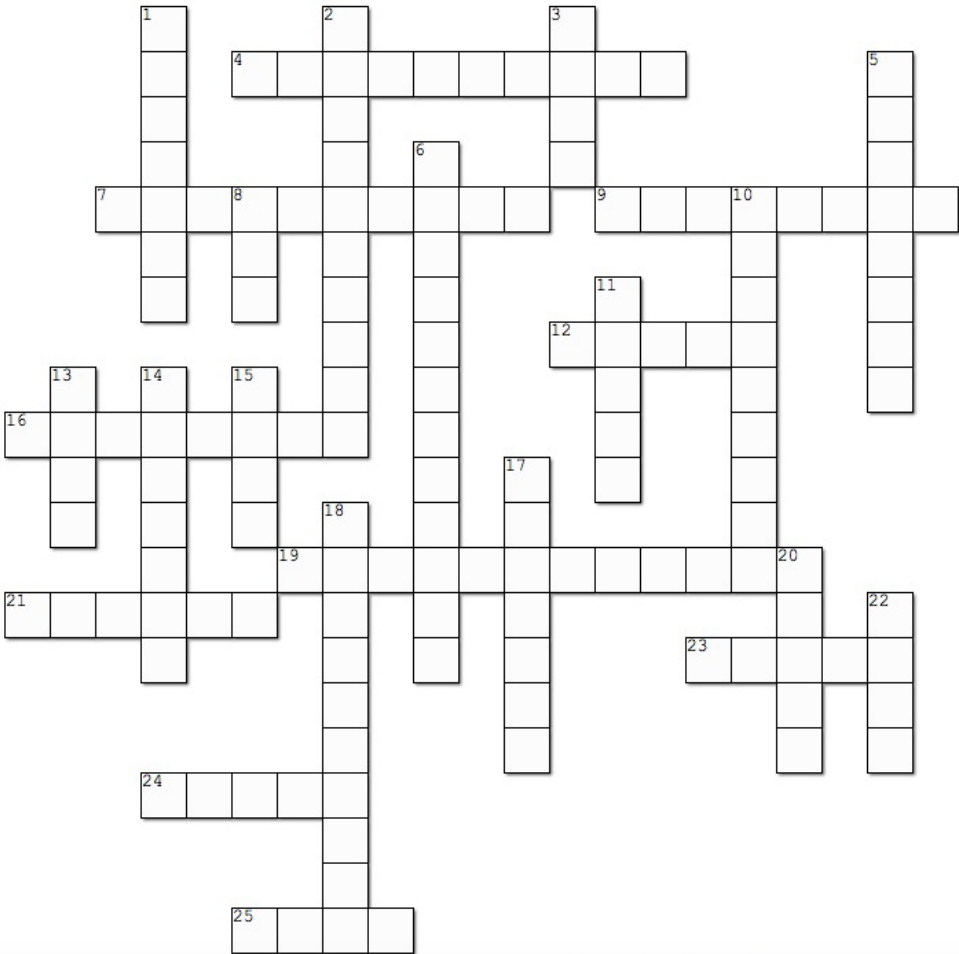
After receiving a B.A. in Business Administration from GSU, Carl Hoecker was a military policeman in 1976 as well as a special agent in the U.S. Information Agency’s Army Criminal

Investigations Command. Hoecker is also the current chairman of the investigations committee of the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE). He is the third and current Inspector General of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Steve Miller was the head coach at Kansas State University from 1981 until 1987 and Athletic Director at Kansas State from 1988-1991.

Additionally, according to ESPN, Miller was the Director of Athletics, Director of National Sports Marketing, Director of Global Sports Marketing, Director of Sports Marketing Asia Pacific and Director of Global Sports Marketing Relations at Nike from 1991-2000. Miller was the Director of the Professional Bowlers Association from 2000-2005 and is now among the faculty at the University of Oregon.





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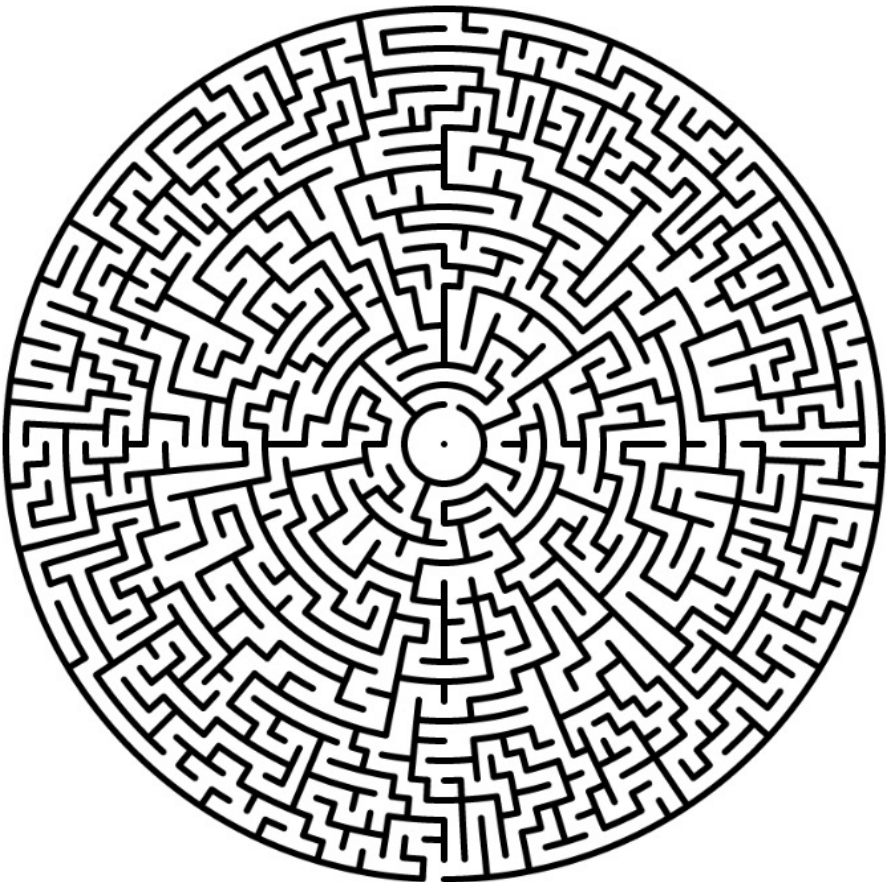
- 4. least used method of measuring temperature
- 7. a cache of words and their definition
- 9. the opposite of landscape
- 12. storys
- 16. the combination of a cactus and an octopus
- 19. technician responsible for drawing blood
- 21. mucus
- 23. american rock band influenced by an eclectic collection of genres and styles
- 24. the remains of a recently removed tree
- 25. season after summer

Down

- 1. the art of teaching reading and writing english
- 2. chemicals secreted by sweat glands, believed to effect the behavior of the opposite sex
- 3.  $((45/5+3)/6)-2$
- 5. to draw or write with no particular purpose
- 6. lighting fixture created from the carved husk of an orange squash
- 8. flap of fabric or printed label on the inside back of most shirts
- 10. a dinosaur renowned for its ability to recite words with similar meanings to other words
- 11. corn
- 13. to succumb to gravities pull against your will
- 14. when you simply cannot figure something out, you are \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. spiced ham
- 17. The news organization this puzzle is published in
- 18. trees stop producing this in the fall, results in loss of green
- 20. limb used for balance by many creatures; snips, snails and puppy dog \_\_\_\_\_
- 22. informal for 'excellent'; cool

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# A Rundown on the Operations of Fantasy Football Leagues

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As questions spread about the growing impact of fantasy football and the amount of money it generates, other questions arise about what exactly fantasy football actually is. So, the Phoenix is providing a basic rundown for neophytes.

In fantasy football, the first thing you can do is create your team name.

Next comes drafting. There are multiple formats of drafting. One is the Autopick draft, which is a computer-generated picking of teams that happen early any day in the morning. The time of the picks is set by the League Commissioner. Another draft is a live draft, where a draft lobby opens and gives league members the opportunity to determine which football players they want on their team. Members can determine a particular position, but may not get a particular player within the time set in the live draft.

Sports websites such as ESPN provide fantasy league expert rankings for people to look at prior to choosing players and positions

on a fantasy team.

Once the team is drafted, league participants get an email detailing their individual rank against other people.

After each draft, you, acting as the team “owner”, can add or drop players through the waiver wire. The waiver wire claims are done on Mondays or Tuesdays to pick players, but the order of your ranking and waiver order determines whether or not you have first pick on a particular player. The best record in the league gets the last waiver pick and the worst gets the first choice.

Following this, after the claims for players go through, members can check their team to see if their claims were processed. If a member successfully claims a player, they can put them in their lineup.

Lineups depend on the format of a given fantasy league but most consist of one quarterback, 2 running backs, 2 or 3 wide receivers, 1 tight end, 1 kicker, a defense and a ‘flex’ spot that can be a wide receiver, running back, or tight end combined along with an assortment of bench players. Only players on active fantasy

league rosters can get fantasy league points. Benched players cannot.

For the first 14 weeks, there are weekly rankings of players. Owners can look at the rankings of various websites to determine actual NFL lineups.

Fantasy teams can not be changed when NFL games begin. Typically, the rosters lock before the Thursday night game.

Once teams lock during games, each owner plays against another owner. Every week based on the activity of a player on the field, leagues get points.

In a standard league, the quarterback point breakdowns are as follows; a touchdown is worth 6 points. 1 point is given for every 25 yards and points break down differently for each roster position. The wide receiver, running backs, and tight ends gets 1 point for every 10 yards.

Position players can lose points when any other mistakes are made on the field. An example of this is when a quarterback throws an interception. In that instance, 2 points are taken away. Point deductions vary based on the circumstance of any given

mistake.

Each player has a total number of points they gain for fantasy league owners who compete against each other for highest numbers. If an owner wins the week, their owner’s standing in the league would improve. For the owner that loses, their team’s standings decrease.

The fantasy season lasts around 17 weeks. The Fantasy League Playoffs occur at different times per league but the fantasy season is set up to match the NFL regular season.

For the playoffs, most leagues play another owner for two consecutive weeks with a select number of players in a league making the playoffs. The player with the most amount of points after those two weeks advances to the next round.

After week 17, the fantasy league owner with the most points wins the entire league.

Most leagues are completed after the regular NFL season, but there are playoff challenges where members can pick their favorite players to fill out a standard team in an effort to

see if, in reality, they go to the Super Bowl. If players advance, members get double points. If not, a new player must be selected if their team is knocked out of the playoffs.

Some fantasy leagues are free and others are pay-to-play leagues. Pay league winners win a selected amount, with the top players winning money or other prizes.

Recently, FanDuel and DraftKings have come into play as websites with one-week fantasy leagues where members pick players based on salary and rankings. The team with the most points within a particular week wins money.

GSU student Brandon Denton, who is a member of two different fantasy league teams, offered his thoughts on fantasy football.

“Fantasy football is an opportunity for me to manage my own football team,” Denton said. “It also provides an opportunity for me to be in a competitive league with my friends. I also enjoy the friendly trash talking aspect of it among my friends.”

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